



Bridges Program

How to Find a Rental Unit

Where to Look

The Bridges Program is available in _____ (City) _____ (County.)

1. Check the classified section of local newspapers under Apartments, Duplex/Townhouse, or House for Rent. The Sunday papers have the largest listing, however, most suburban and small communities have a weekly local paper.
2. Check bulletin boards in laundromats, supermarkets, credit unions, etc.
3. Check with friends, relatives, or neighbors. They may know of places that are available for rent.
4. Look for yard signs offering "Apartment/House For Rent" in the area where you want to live.
5. Check with real estate offices or rental agencies. (Warning: You may be required to pay a fee and payment of a fee is no guarantee that you will find suitable housing.)
6. Call Housing Link and ask for listings of units for rent in the area where you would like to live.
612-522-2500

Questions to Ask Prospective Landlords

1. What is the number of bedrooms in the rental unit and how much is the rent?
2. What, if any, utilities are included in the rent? What utility costs will you have to pay?
3. Are there any special restrictions, such as no pets or no children?

Make an Appointment

If the housing for rent might be what you are looking for, ask for an appointment to see it. Be sure to keep the appointment and be on time. You may want to arrive early to look around the neighborhood. Do not take a lot of friends or children with you to look at the apartment. You want to give your full attention to discuss the rental unit and to present yourself at your very best.

Negotiating the Lease

If you find a unit you like, make sure the rent is within the Maximum Allowable Rents. Contact your Bridges Program representative to verify that the rent meets the guidelines and that the unit is in a community covered by the Bridges Program.